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SUBJECT: BIA AMENDMENT, LA MADDALENA

1. AMBASSADOR PAID AN INITIAL COURTESY CALL ON THE NEW DEFENSE MINISTER ARNOLDO FORLANI ON DECEMBER 18. FORLANI IS AN OLD FRIEND AND THE MEETING TOOK PLACE IN A CORDIAL AND RELAXED ATMOSPHERE THOUGH THE MINISTER WAS OBVIOUSLY UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE WORKING HIMSELF INTO A TRYING AND COMPLEX ASSIGNMENT.

2. IN THE COURSE OF CONVERSATION THE AMBASSADOR RAISED THE ISSUE OF LA MADDALENA AND THE NEED FOR APPROVAL OF OUR LONG-STANDING REQUEST FOR A BIA AMENDMENT TO REGULARIZE THE STATUS OF THE SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS. FORLANI ADMITTED ONLY A SKETCHY APPRECIATION OF THE ISSUE AND BROUGHT IN HIS CABINET CHIEF, GENERAL GIANBARTOLOMEI, WHO GAVE A BRIEF AND CLEAR ACCOUNT OF THE CURRENT SITUATION. GIANBARTOLOMEI CONCLUDED THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION AS TO THE TECHNICAL AND MILITARY

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JUSTIFICATION FOR THE INSTALLATION AT LA MADDALENA AND THAT

THE ISSUE TO BE RESOLVED WAS ESSENTIALLY POLITICAL. THE MINISTER AGREED TO LOOK INTO THE PROBLEM PERSONALLY TO SEE WHETHER THE SITUATION COULD NOT BE MOVED FORWARD. IN THE PROCESS HE INDICATED HE WOULD MEET WITH THE MAYOR OF LA MADDALENA AS WELL.

3. THE AMBASSADOR PLANS FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH FORLONI ON THE BIA AMENDMENT ISSUE AT AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY. VOLPE

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